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SUBJECT: VISIT OF UGT SECGEN REDONDO TO US

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1. DURING VISIT OF MCHALE TO MADRID, WE DISCUSSED DESIRABILITY OF LAYING ON SOME APPROPRIATE PUBLICITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT OF UGT SECTEN NICOLAS REDONDO TO THE US MAY 3 17, AS GUEST OF THE AFL CIO AND UAW, FOR EXAMPLE, TAPED INTERVIEW FOR USE ON SPANISH DOMESTIC RADIO AND OR TV AS WELL AS TV CLIPS OF GEORGE MEANY REDONDO MEETING OR MEEETING WITH AFL CIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WOULD BE IDEAL.

2. WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE INTERVIEW, WE WOULD WANT REDONDO'S IMPRESSIONS OF US LABOR SCENE, NOT RPT NOT HIS VIEWS ON THE TRADE UNION SITUATION IN SPAIN. HIS COMMENTS ON THE LATTER SUBJECT WOULD TEND TO BE PARTISAN, AND WULD BE DIFFICULT TO PLACE HERE DURING THE SENSITIVE PRE ELECTION PERIOD PARLIMENTARY ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN SET FOR JUNE  
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15, AND REDINDO IS RUNNING FOR TH CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, HEADING TH PSOE (SPANISH SOCIALIST WORKER PARTY) LIST IN HIS NATIVE PROVINCE OF VIZCAYA (BASQUE REGION)

3. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION. REDONDO IS A RUGGEDLY HANDSOME METAL WORKER FROM THE BASQUE REGION OF SPAIN. VORN JUNE 16 1927 IN BARCALDO (NEXT TO BILBAO), HE WILL BE FIFTY

YEARS OLD THIS YEAR. HE IS MARRIED, WITH TWO CHILDREN  
"NICO" AS HIS FRIENDS CALL HIM, WENT TO WORK AT AGE 15  
AT A NAVAL SHIPYARD IN BILBAO. YOUNG REDONDO JOINED BOTH  
THE SOCIALIST UGT TRADE UNION AND THE SOCIALIST YOUTH  
MOVEMENT IN 1945. HIS FIRST PARTICIPATION IN LABOR  
STRIKE WAS DURING THE 1947 STRIKE IN SPAIN. HE WAS  
ARRESTED 14 TIMES FOR UGT RELATED TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES  
BETWEEN 1951 AND 1973. SPENDING A TOTAL OF ALMOST TWO  
YEARS IN PRISON. REDONDO BECAME A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE OF BOTH THE PSOE AND THE UGT IN 1970. IN 1973  
HE WAS DESIGNATED AS UGT POLITICAL SECRETARY, THE UNION'S  
TOP POSITION AT THE TIME. HE WAS ELECTED ORGANIZATIONAL  
SECRETARY OF THE PSOE IN 1974 AND ALTHOUGH HE RESIGNED  
THAT POSITION AT THE 1976 PSOE CONGRESS, HE REMAINS A MEMBER  
OF THE PSOE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AT THE HISTORICAL 30TH  
CONGRESS OF THE UGT IN 1976 THE FIRST TO TAKE PLACE INSIDE  
SPAIN SINCE THE CIVIL WAR, HE WAS ELECTED SECRETARY GENERAL  
SINCE THAT TIME, REDONDO HAS MADE FRATERNAL VISITS TO A  
NUMBER OF EUROPEAN TRADE UNIONS, INCLUDING THE BRITISH TUC  
AND WEST GERMAN DGB. REDONDO IS RUNNING FOR THE  
CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES IN THE JUNE 15, 1977 SPANISH PARLIAMENTARY  
ELECTIONS HEADING THE PSOE LIST IN HIS HOME PROVINCE OF  
VIZCAYA (BASQUE REGION) THE ABOVE BIO DATA IS UNCLASSIFIED. STABLER

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